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GPOI Basics

- Five-year initiative - began FY05
- Three major components:
  - Train and equip
  - Deployment Support
  - Gendarme-like capabilities
- G-8 Sea Island Action Plan for "Expanding Global Capability for Peace Support Operations"

Train & Equip

- Key gap: number of peace support operations (PSO) troops, including specialized units

- 75,000 PSO troops worldwide over five years

- Emphasis on Africa; also increase capabilities in Latin America, Europe and Asia

- Cached equipment for deploying PSO units

- Sustainment training through exercises

Africa Train & Equip

- Expand Africa Contingency Operations Training and Assistance (ACOTA) program
- Train more battalions w/existing partners
- Add new partner countries
- Multinational exercise
- Add specialized training

Africa HQ Support

- Increase capability of headquarters of African Union (AU) and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

- Training HQ staff

- Advisors and technical assistance

- Communications equipment

- In future years, possible support to other HQs of the African Standby Force (ASF)

Train & Equip Outside Africa

- Increase peace support capabilities in Latin America, Europe and Asia

- Work through regional/sub-regional organizations, bilateral training

- Specialized training (engineering, medical, logistics, communications)

- Exercises

Deployment Support

- Key gap – deployment support (transportation and logistics support) for international units deploying to PSOs

- Transportation and logistics support arrangement help address gap

- Working with G-8 and other interested partners to address this gap

Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units (COESPU)

- Key gap – increase number of gendarme or "stability police" able participate in PSOs

- Italy lead

- Training center in Vicenza

- International staff

- COESPU – first class began last week

COESPU Training

- Focuses on train-the-trainer
- 3,000 trainers over 5 years
- Mid and senior level courses
- Pre-deployment training
- Mobile training teams to sustain skills

G-8 Clearinghouse

- U.S. hosted first meeting, October 2004, in Washington

- UK will host the next meeting, December 2005, in London

- Reps from international orgs (i.e., UN), regional orgs (i.e., EU, AU), and sub-regional orgs (i.e., ECOWAS) normally attend

- G-8 Clearinghouse website being developed: www.G-8AfricaPSO.net

Questions?